(d) the number of Central Government employees found involved in these activities in the aforesaid years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The major concerns in this regard centre around Pakistan sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and inter-linked and externally supported subversive activities of militant groups in some States of North East. There are also reports that some militant groups are under pressure from Pak ISI to revive militancy in Punjab.

"Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects, the Central Government does not maintain information/details in this regard.

(d) No such information has come to notice so far.

Threat to minorities in Gujarat

2183. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the minorities in the State of Gujarat are feeling insecure due to the increase in activities of RSS and Bajrangdal; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to protect their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) There is no specific instance that the minorities in the State of Gujarat are feeling insecure due to the increase in activities of RSS and Bajrang Dal. The Government is committeed to safeguard the interests of minorities.

Although the State Governments are primarily responsible for the maintenance of law, public order, advisories are sent to them from time to time regarding maintenance of peace and communal harmony and for taking action against relevant laws against those spreading ill-will, hatred or disharmony between members of different communities. The centre has issued revised guidelines for the promotion of communal harmony, shares intelligence inputs and provides central para-military forces in specific requests. Financial assistance is also provided for upgradation of the policing infrastructure and modernisation of states' police.